

CHEYENNE RIVER YOUTH PROJECT

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to speak today to recognize the Cheyenne River Youth Project in Eagle Butte, SD. This year, the Cheyenne River Youth Project is celebrating its 20th anniversary. From its beginnings in 1988, it has sought to assist the Lakota youth and families on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation by providing them with a nurturing environment and a sense of hope about their future. I am so proud of this project and the positive impact that it has had on those youth.

Over the years, hundreds of volunteers from around the world have crossed the threshold at the Cheyenne River Youth Project and offered their time and their hearts to influence the lives of the Lakota youth. The project serves youth from as young as 4 years old to young adults of 18 years old. As we all know, these are critical years in development of young men and women. Combined with traditional customs and contemporary programs, the CRYP is a success story for other fledgling grassroots youth programs.

I am so proud to have helped guide Federal resources to help with the construction and programming for the project. Julie Garreau, who has served as the executive director of the projects, has been a tireless advocate and deserves high praise for the love, hard work, and dedication she has shown for her community. I would also like to thank Olympic Gold Medal winner Billy Mills and his organization, Running Strong for American Indian Youth, for his work in his home State and across the Nation to help Native youth. His dedication to the Cheyenne River Youth is particularly evident in his efforts to assist the Cheyenne River Youth Project.

On more than one occasion, I have had the opportunity to visit the Cheyenne River Youth Project, at its facilities in Eagle Butte, at "The Main" and the new Cokata Wiconi Teen Center. I couldn't be prouder of the accomplishments of its staff and its many volunteers of the past two decades! Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of service in the future!•

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL RICHARD A. CODY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I commend GEN Richard A. Cody, Vice Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, for his outstanding service and commitment to excellence throughout his 36 years of distinguished military service to our Nation. General Cody will retire in August 2008 with the gratitude and well wishes of the Nation and particularly of the soldiers and families to whom he has devoted his life.

General Cody is originally from Montpelier, VT, and began his service as a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy. He graduated from West Point in

1972 and became an Army aviator. General Cody has long been widely regarded as the Army's premier attack helicopter warrior and pilot with over 5,000 flying hours.

For more than 20 of his 36 years as a soldier General Cody has been entrusted with the command of troops in well known combat units including the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and several assignments with the 101st Airborne Division. Most notably, in 1991 then-Lieutenant Colonel Cody personally led the Apache attack helicopters of Task Force Normandy, the joint aviation task force that fired the opening salvos of the gulf war, that destroyed Iraqi air defense sites and, as GEN H. Norman Schwarzkopf recounted, "plucked out the eyes" of Sadaam Hussein's air defenses.

Over the last 6 years, as one of the most senior leaders of the Army, General Cody has dedicated himself to ensuring that American soldiers are the best-trained, best-equipped and best-led force ready for the complex challenges of the global war on terror. As a result, in part of his determined leadership and uncompromising support, soldiers deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world have met those challenges.

General Cody's insight and leadership has also been a force behind the Army's transformation, which has set the Army on a path to provide the Nation with an Army that is more lethal, agile, deployable, and flexible; capable of fighting and winning this Nation's wars in the 21st century.

General Cody has been an example to soldiers throughout his great career; an example shared by his proud Army family as well. His wife Vicki will forever be a strong voice and tireless worker for soldiers and their families. Their brave sons Tyler and Clint, also Army officers and attack helicopter aviators with six combat tours between them, have answered the same call to duty and continue to serve the Nation.

General Cody is an American hero, unflinching in war and tireless in peace. President John F. Kennedy once said, "When at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment of each one of us—recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities, we will be measured by our answers to 4 questions—were we truly men of courage were we truly men of judgment were we truly men of integrity were we truly men of dedication?" I believe that when history judges the service of General Cody, the Army's 31st Vice Chief of Staff, it will be clear that this was truly a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

The Nation is honored and grateful to have had the service of GEN Richard Cody and his family. As he and his wife start this next chapter of their lives, we wish them all the best for a day of rest well deserved and earned.●

TRIBUTE TO P.E. MACALLISTER

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I am pleased to have the opportunity today to recognize the important leadership of a remarkable Hoosier businessman, community leader, and treasured friend of 41 years, Mr. P.E. MacAllister. On August 30, 2008, P.E. will celebrate the signal occasion of his 90th birthday. This birthday is a special event for his many friends throughout the Midwest and especially for Hoosiers in central Indiana where P.E. has enriched countless lives through his important service to the Indianapolis community.

P.E. was raised in Wisconsin and graduated from Carroll College in 1940. He then spent 5 years in the Air Force as a captain and 27 months overseas in the 1st Fighter Group.

Joining the family business of MacAllister Machinery Company in Indianapolis after his service abroad, P.E. has been chairman of the board since 1952. His awards in the business industry are many and well-deserved. In addition to these accomplishments, P.E. has served on boards in the arts, health, recreation, philanthropic, and municipality arenas. His love of opera, to cite one example of his activism, engendered the largest nonrestricted vocal competition for opera singers in the Nation. This competition—The MacAllister Awards—ran for 22 years.

When I was elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1967, P.E. was among my earliest and strongest supporters whose generous and wise counsel was most appreciated. My election occurred just months before the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the extraordinary convulsions which troubled most American cities at that time. P.E. provided exemplary leadership during this challenging time by recruiting business leaders to aid in the creation of outreach programs for our city's youth.

I recall one particular initiative in which the city was availing itself of Federal resources through the Special Employment Program and the Special Program for Disadvantaged Youth in order to employ idle youth in a public works project that turned unused land into gardens. P.E., in recognizing the value in such a project, generously provided the heavy equipment that allowed for the planting of trees, the moving of soil, and the beautification of Indianapolis.

Further, in 1971, P.E. successfully served as the executive director of the Conference on Cities held in Indianapolis. This was an international symposium on urban problems in collaboration with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Since our early work, I have found his insights on world events to be profound, continually aided by his travels and comprehensive reading.

I celebrate P.E.'s achievements, friendship, and tireless dedication to engaging in constructive acts that always lead to great discussion and debate on complex issues. I wish P.E. MacAllister a very Happy 90th birthday.●